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SUBJECT: STUDY OF INDO/EAST EUROPEAN TRADE/AID RELATIONS

REF: A. NEW DELHI 9465; B. VIENNA 7139

1. REGRET EMBASSY IS UNABLE SUPPLY MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON INTRICACIES OF INDIA'S TRADE AND AID RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA BEYOND NOTING THAT TOTAL TRADE IN 1971 (LATEST AVAILABLE FIGURES) WAS VALUED AT ABOUT \$3.4 MILLION. WE SUSPECT THERE ARE SOME SWITCH TRADING ACTIVITIES BUT HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT OUR SUSPICIONS. REFTTEL (B), STRIKES US AS ABOUT AS GOOD A REPORT AS CAN BE EXPECTED ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. GOB MAINTAINS THERE ARE NO DIFFICULTIES IN TRADING WITH INDIA AND EXPECTS A 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN TRADE THIS YEAR.

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IN 1967 BULGARIA EXTENDED A 15 MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT

AT 2.5 PERCENT FOR 11 YEARS TO INDIA BUT THERE IS NO
EVIDENCE THAT INDIA HAS DRAWN-DOWN ANY OF THIS CREDIT.
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